potential market for Indian products but need credit facilities for importing our products; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken to export our products to such countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir, Export promotion is a continuous process and steps are taken to boost exports in consultation with trade, industry and other relevant interests. Commodity-specific and country-specific measures are undertaken keeping in view the domestic and international economic situations. Among other measures, the Government of India has extended credit lines of $ 55 million to the Central Asian Republics.

Revised IPRS for Indian Engineering Exporters

2002. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a revised International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS) for allowing supplies of iron and stock products to Indian engineering exporters to be treated as deemed exports;

(b) if so, the broad features of the new scheme; and

(c) the amount of claims under IPRS still pending owing to insufficient funds and the impact of the new scheme on the small and medium sized engineering exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHAIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS) stands abolished with effect from 1st April, 1994. A new Scheme called Engineering Products Export (Replenishment of Iron & Steel Intermediates) Scheme has been notified on 1.3.95. Under this Scheme, the engineering goods exporters especially those in the small and medium sector can domestically source their iron and steel requirements at prices comparable to international prices from the steel producers, who are entitled to duty free import of their inputs under the Scheme.

The total value of claims pending under IPRS as on 13.3.95 was Rs. 187.20 crores.

Deemed Exports

2003. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are studying the possibility of granting the same status to deemed exports with physical exports;

(b) whether such a study has been done by any research today;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent of deemed exports in 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Government is not aware of any such study.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) On account of deemeds exports in the year 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 317.00 crores was utilised for grant of incentives as per EXIM Policy.

पंजाब और हरियाणा के उत्कृष्ट कोटि के गेहूं का निर्यात

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(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब और हरियाणा में उत्पन्न उत्कृष्ट कोटि के गेहूं का विदेशों में निर्यात किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन देशों के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन देशों को कितनी मात्रा में गेहूं का निर्यात किया गया और उससे कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित हुई?